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Three teams from the Plainfield area won recognition at the 31st AAU Junior Olympic Games held in Charlotte, N.C. recently...

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission approves of startup of nuclear plant

NEWARK—Final approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been received by PSEG to begin the startup of its Salem Unit 2 nuclear power plant.

The NRC's approval acknowledges that the utility has met its commitments to make repairs to the plant's equipment and processes. PSEG chief nuclear officer and president Leon Eliason will continue at a conservative pace the next several days. "We know the startup process will not be without its hurdles," he said.

Newborn returned to parents after kidnapping by teenager

PATERSON—Three-day-old Karon Star Kinson was returned to his parents and siblings last Thursday after being abducted from his mother's hospital room allegedly by a teenage girl who somehow obtained a pass to the maternity ward of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

The incident set off a massive search involving more than 100 city police who, led by a tip, were directed to an apartment on Presidential Boulevard where the infant boy was found.

Whitman receives bipartisan award for early childhood program

TRENTON—Governor Whitman's "Bright Beginnings" early childhood initiative won praise of the Bipartisan National Governor's Association, winning the organization's Building Block Award.

\$5.5 million "Bright Beginnings" program is expected to add 8,500 new childcare spaces across the state. Additionally, it will expand the number of regulated daycare providers and improve the quality of childcare programs. This awards comes on the heels of the Washington-based Children's Rights Council that New Jersey is the best state in which to raise a child.

African-American woman is a candidate for Essex County Prosecutor

NEWARK—A deputy administrator for the Essex County has emerged as a candidate for the appointment to the post of Essex County Prosecutor.

Patricia Hart, a former assistant prosecutor in the county, has the support of the Republican county executive and members of the Black Minister's Council of New Jersey, would be the first African-American woman to be appointed a prosecutor in the state of New Jersey.

Haitian immigrant hospitalized after brutal attack by Brooklyn policeman

NEW YORK—Charges against a police officer were announced in the torturing and sodomizing of a Haitian immigrant in the bathroom of a Brooklyn police station.

Justin Folpe was turned himself into Internal Affairs after being identified by a victim as the assailant in the beating that left him critically injured. Another policeman was relieved of duty and two sergeants were under fire in the incident for looking the other way.

Plainfield actor stars in Disney series

By Sonya Kinble-Elli

An Afrocentric perspective has finally come to the Disney channel. Actor Ben Brown, born in Atlanta, Georgia and raised in Plainfield, New Jersey, is helping to make the show *Onoka Mokomba* come to life. The new half-hour wild-life comedy program airs Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Ben feels strongly about positive images being portrayed on television and feels good about being a part of that. "The show is informative and educational," he says. "Kids will see that a black man can be informed, knowledgeable and confident. I think it's good for kids to see an image like this."

During each episode, a young caller phones in and asks for interesting facts about various animals. The character Mokomba answers each question by showing entertaining footage and answering their questions. The show also features segments like "Mokomba's Mysterious Places," where he answers questions about alien areas on earth and "Stump Mokomba," where callers ask Mokomba questions they think he could never answer.

According to Brown, the show is fun for youngsters and cultural. "Our set is very African," he says. "We have colorful clothes on. We do parodies of movies and other TV shows."

Onoka Mokomba, which means "Ask Mokomba" in Swahili, isn't Brown's first professional acting role. He was bitten by the acting bug when he did a play while majoring in Marketing at Hampton University. He didn't pursue it as a career, though, until shortly after graduating.

Ben has had guest spots on *ER*, *Frazier*, *Beverly Hills 90210* and the *Young and the Restless*. He has had a minor guest spot, as well, in the film *Curly Howard's Last Laugh*.

Much of his initial acting training came while he was working in the People's Light and Theatre Company in Philadelphia. He performed with the company for five years.

When asked which medium is acting, he prefers Brown's answer is to the point. "The stage allows me to finish a story from beginning to end," he explains. "Television is different. You're always fixing and changing it."

Ben is scheduled to tape thirteen episodes of *Onoka Mokomba* for the Disney Channel. If the show catches on, he hopes Disney requests thirteen additional shows. Be sure to watch!



Plainfield's Ben Brown mastery of African dialect was probably what won him the role of Mokomba.

Newark swimmers set the mark and go, go, go



More than 300 swimmers recently "set their mark" at the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center in Newark for the First National Long Course Swim Championships. Cynthia Moore, second right, corporate affairs northeast region manager, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Joint Newark Deputy Ramona Santiago, right, in congratulating the Newark Swim Team for hosting the championship event which was held in memory of champion swimmer Christopher Lewis Silva. Silva, a U.S. Olympic Committee member, encouraged minorities to enter competitive swimming through the minority enrichment program sponsored by the National Swim Hall of Fame. Joining Moore are, from left, coaches Elliot Bradley and Patrick Farley, Cathy Carcone, assistant city administrator, and Desale Silva, Christopher Silva's mother. Pictured on the back row, from left, are: John L. Smith, president of the Newark Swim Team, and Glenn Grant, city administrator.



Mart 247 located on George Street in New Brunswick

Mart 247 brings Afrocentric culture to New Brunswick

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

NEW BRUNSWICK—Four years ago, New Brunswick native Andre Kelton had a video store on 247 George St., the heart of New Brunswick's community. At that time, he figured it was time for a change. "With the video business, it got very expensive," he said. "It got a little too much for me to handle, and it shifted. So I went into the book business."

It wasn't just any book business, however. In November of 1992, deciding to do something that would uplift his culture and his people, he re-opened the video store as Mart 247, a bookstore specializing in Afrocentric culture. Before then, a store of its kind didn't exist in the area. It soon became a center-point for cultural books, clothing, posters, learning aids, and other materials.

Kelton feels, however, that the store has a potential that many have not tapped yet. "We're in a location where a lot of people, particularly those who have the most resources, don't want to come down here because they feel they have escaped this," he said. "They don't want to shop here. They go to the malls or Barnes & Noble, because it's more convenient."

Kelton says that other stores do not have the kind of variety of books that he is able to provide.

Regardless he is received well in the area. "I think people have a lot of respect for the place being here," he said. "I've never have any problems as far as theft or vandalism, and we have some people who come in to buy incense and oils just to try and keep it going. They say things like 'I don't do a lot of reading, but I want to give you something!'"

Kelton says Mart 247's success comes from a hunger for answers that people do not find anywhere else. He provides a wide array of books, non-fiction and fiction to that end, including black America's greatest authors such as Terry McMillan, poet Rita Dove, James Baldwin, and others. He says his dream is to have an entire "entertainment complex," with a cafe, seminars, and other events. He hopes to soon have a web page to take him further toward that goal.

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Housing renewal underway in Irvington

Mayor Bost touts comprehensive revitalization plan

IRVINGTON—The Township of Irvington is in the midst of an ambitious, aggressive urban renewal program that will replace dilapidated and abandoned properties with new and rehabilitated housing, Mayor Sara Bost said.

The program is two-sided and executed is based on who owns the targeted properties. Town-owned properties are covered by the "township revitalization plan." Under the plan, initiated last winter by Bost, the township has formed partnerships with a variety of non-profit agencies and for-profit developers to renovate blighted properties and to build new housing.

For run down properties owned by the private sector, the township has been using the traditional judicial measures, such as court-ordered fines, and is exploring the feasibility of conducting demolitions, as municipal officials deem necessary in emergency situations. In such cases, the township would place tax liens on the property to cover the cost of the demolition. Depending on the use of the property and the method used to dispose of the property, demolition costs could range from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

The revitalization plan was presented to the township board on June 10.

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Assessment Day spotlights revitalization's success

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

NEWARK—Newark Mayor Sharpe James and Irvington Mayor Sara B. Bost came together on the Newark/Irvington border, along with clergy, law enforcement, fire safety, and residents, to participate in "Assessment Day," a celebration of the joint revitalization plan launched in March.

The August 19 event was held at the Unity Freedom Baptist Church in Newark where on March 26 two dozen officials met to address the problems of the dilapidated housing in the church's location on South 20th Street, and the surrounding area that adjoin Irvington in Newark. There has been failed revitalization attempts in the past, but this time the two may-

ors were determined to succeed, with an initiative called "Partners in Progress," vowing to return to the area to update the residents on the progress the progress.

In the first month of this new partnership, the police departments of Irvington and Newark established a joint border patrol, targeting drug activity and quality of life offenses. Mayor Bost told the gather crowd, noting this has resulted in 14 arrests for stolen vehicle activity in April.

Irvington, eight properties have been boarded up after inspections revealed structural safety violations, and a massive cleanup move has resulted in a cleaner Irvington. "Without you, residents, business owners, ministers, and all concerned parties, there is no partnership," she said. In order to achieve and sustain success, we need your input. The citizens and administrators of Newark and Irvington must work together, side by side to achieve visible results. If we don't stand in unison, we will fall into division."

In Newark five dilapidated build-

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Charter school applications have urban flair

By Brian M. Villa

TRENTON—The State Department of Education announced that 37 charter school applications were submitted recently. Of the applications, the vast majority would serve urban school districts all but thirteen were from the state's "special needs" districts.

Under the 1995 law, which spawned this second round of applications, up to 135 schools can be established within the four year time period for the charter school law. Thirteen schools have already been granted charters.

The charter schools operate through public funds, but without the regulations that govern public schools. Funding for the schools is typically determined by student enrollment, multiplied by 90 percent of each student's per-pupil state school expenditure.

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In Bergen county, three charter schools were proposed for Englewood and Teaneck residents: Englewood and the Palisades Charter School, Teaneck Community Charter School and the Vista Charter School. Student enrollment at each school ranges from 140 to 220 students.

Camden has two charter applications. Camden's Promise Charter School and Ernest L. Boyer Charter School.

Seven charter schools were proposed in Essex County, serving students from Irvington, East Orange and Newark. Three schools would serve students from kindergarten to fourth-grade-Children's Choice Charter School, Charter School of Essex County, East Orange Community Charter School, and New Hope Academy Charter School. New Hope Academy Charter School would serve students from kindergarten to 12th grade, which the others anticipate 500-student schools.

Proposed schools serving high school students include, The Jack Ewing Charter Academy for Health Sciences & Technologies, Newark Charter School for Leadership and Career Development, Inc., and Newark Options for Youth Charter School. These schools would have student populations of at least 200.

Rounding out the bunch would be the Discovery Charter School, based in Newark, which would serve 80 students from the third through eighth grade.

Irene Hall, a founder of Discovery Charter School, said the group's 76-page application stressed integrated reading, writing and arts education components, a "kids in business" plan, and "teacher research or learning projects."

Jersey City, a school district which was taken over by the state after this decade, has two applications. The Greenville Community Charter School would serve 216 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, and the Jersey City Options for Youth Charter School proposes a 500-student school for the seventh through twelfth grade.

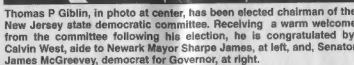
Despite the seemingly long odds of securing a charter-less than a third of last year's applications were approved.

The applicants if and when approved, will then join the three charter school approved for operation, with ten more preparing to open for the 1997-98 school year.

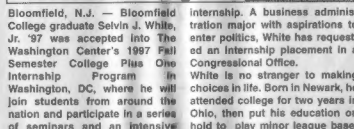
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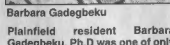
Bloomfield College graduate accepted into Washington internship program



White is no stranger to making choices in life. Born in Newark, he attended college for two years in Ohio, then put his education on hold to play minor league baseball. Most recently White worked for the City of Newark in the Mayor's Office for Citizens Services.

"In order for me to go further in my career, I knew I had to finish my college education and was fortunate to have Bloomfield College in my own backyard," White said.

Plainfield teacher receives Catalyst Award



13 recipients to receive the Chemical Association 1997 Responsible Care Catalyst Award. This award honors individuals who have the ability to inspire students towards careers in chemistry and science-related fields through their excellent teaching in the classroom. Dr. Gadegebeku is a teacher at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ. Plainfield resident Barbara Gadegebeku, Ph.D was the recipient of the Chemical Association 1997 Responsible Care Catalyst Award. This award honors individuals who have the ability to inspire students towards careers in chemistry and science-related fields through their excellent teaching ability in the classroom. Dr. Gadegebeku is a teacher at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ.

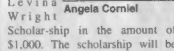
William Kennard to be named chair of the FFCC

President Clinton announced that he will designate William E. Kennard to serve as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Kennard was nominated as a member of the period for the FCC, brought about by rapid changes in technology and the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This legislation overhauled the laws which regulate the telecommunications industry.

Kennard is a native of Los Angeles, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University in 1978 and received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1981. Before joining the FCC, Kennard was a partner and member of the board of directors of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand.

Angela Corniel awarded UNCF scholarship

CONCORD, NC—The United Negro College Fund, has awarded



awarded for use during the 1997-98 academic year.

Corniel is a second-year student from Paterson, New Jersey, majoring in sociology. She has plans to attend Rutgers University after graduation and receive a master's degree in sociology. Corniel is a member of the Pre-Alumni Council/UNCF at Barber-Scotia College and tutors grade school students in the Concord, North Carolina community.

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On June 18, 1997, the United States District Court for the district of New Jersey entered a Consent Order resolving a lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against the owners, managers and rental agents of Pleasant View Gardens apartments. The lawsuit alleged that the defendants had discriminated against black persons who sought rental housing at Pleasant View Gardens. Under the Consent Order, you may be entitled to receive monetary relief if you asked about or applied for renting, or rented an apartment at Pleasant View Gardens (partially pictured above), and apartment complex located on Carlton Avenue, Pleasant View Drive and Rutgers Road, near Rutgers University and Johnson Park, in Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey at any time after January 1, 1991, and:

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Note: You must call or write no later than sixty (60) days from August 20th, 1997.

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Haitian's beating by New York police creates firestorm

The Annual Awards Ceremony will take place at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Two of the awards that will be presented are the Adam Clayton Powell Award for contributions to African-American political awareness and empowerment and the George Thomas "Mickey" Leland Humanitarian Award for exceptional work in the struggle for human rights and social justice. For information on the CBCF and/or a detailed outline of the activities planned for the 27th ALC call 202-

This latest incident is the fifth

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has been charged in the past of siding with police officers too quickly and too

The task force introduced August 19 includes friends and foes of the Mayor on this issue. Among them are Councilwoman Una Clarke, Eric Breindel, Senior Vice President, News

The initiative builds upon the Police Department's Courtesy, Professionalism, and Respect (CPR) Strategy which was recently implemented.

Rev. Jackson planning march on California

We'll have street action, court

For more information regarding the march, call Gary Flowers, National Field Director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, for details, at 773-373-3366.

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EDITORIAL

Another case for civilian review boards

Abner Louima's physical wounds may heal in a matter of months. His emotional and psychological may take longer. At the expense of his personal health, something may begin to be done about the police abuse and harassment that is slowly growing in our communities.

The perpetrators of the brutal assault on Louima will not be given a slap on the wrist in this instance. It is hoped that in this case justice will be served and the perpetrators of this heinous crime will get the full measure of justice. The fact that the man's injuries were so extensive that he could not fade away in shame or the situation overlooked could catalyze for further examination and real change in police community relations.

For the police to police themselves in matters of conduct is a good step, a first step. Unfortunately, it has been a step that has been taken before. The circumstances that breed and develop lawless law enforcement officials who always exist in force. Look no further than Ramon Baz. Before Baz, there was Rodney King. Consider the incidents that don't come to the attention of the media. Consider that there is more of the same, or worse, in the future.

If the community doesn't take a stand, it will happen again. The way to prevent it from happening is by continued scrutiny of the police, being vocal about abuse patterns, and, above all, establishing solid working police-community review boards, so both sides hear and are heard.

Letter to the Editor Opposition to Whitman's car insurance plan

Dear Editor:

Let's see... Governor Christie Whitman's plan to lower car insurance rates by 25 percent is vigorously opposed by the state's trial lawyers.

Jim McGreevey, the former governor, is opposed to it, and he's a lawyer. John Lynch, the leader of the Senate Democrats and McGreevey campaign chairman, is opposed to it—and he's a lawyer. State Senator Ray Lesniewski, the former House Democrat organization and McGreevey's chief political advisor, is opposed to it, and he's a lawyer.

Lynch and Lesniewski have repaid at least \$3.9 million so far from state-run car insurance pools. And McGreevey claims he didn't know anything about it. One big coincidence? Or one feeble attempt to pull the wool over our eyes?

Jennie Valentino
Fairwood, New Jersey

Black America's smoking gun

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

With his sunglasses, saxophone, hip clothes, Joe Camel has become one of the most recognizable figures on billboards in Black neighborhoods. In a two-mile stretch in South Central Los Angeles I counted 24 billboard ads. Two were for Joe Camel, and one was for a cigarette brand (flavor ads were close second). The recent admission by R. J. Reynolds that it deliberately markets cigarettes to minors was no surprise to Black antismoking activists. They have waged a long campaign to get Reynolds to stop targeting Black youth with its ads. They haven't won yet. Reynolds is protesting the proposed FTC ban on the ads.

This is not the first time that Black activists have gone after the tobacco companies. In 1990 Black pressure forced R.J. Reynolds to drop its Upson brand, and in 1993 a cigarette distributor in Massachusetts pulled Menthol X from stores after Black activists complained that it played on the association with Malcolm X.

Black activists are right to be outraged at the tobacco companies. The damage smoking causes to African Americans is staggering. Nearly half of Black adults smoke (compared to 27 percent of white adults). They die from lung cancer at a rate 50 percent higher than whites, and have higher rates of heart and respiratory ailments than whites.

The problem is that while the tobacco industry is an equal opportunity polluter, it is not an equal opportunity spender. Decades ago it discov-

ered that by generously spreading its mega-bucks among Blacks it could win goodwill, sanitize its image, and hook generations of African Americans. In the 1930s cigarette companies published a guide for Blacks to non-segregated public accommodations. In the 1950s, cigarette companies were the corporate partners in using African-American models in their ad pitches. Since the 1960s they have been among the corporate leaders in hiring and promoting Blacks into managerial and professional positions.

In recent years cigarette makers have become even more adept at playing the image game among Blacks. They design socially consciousness ads in Black publications that tout Black leaders and celebrities, praise Black artists, figure skaters, athletes, artists, and events, and promote their sponsorship of scholarship, business, and equal opportunity promotional programs for Blacks. It's worked.

In 1991 Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan found that the tobacco industry had been in the habit of sending him the names of Blacks he invited to the meeting to discuss the adverse effects of tobacco advertising in the Black community. Not one magazine publisher and only a handful of newspapers showed up.

The tobacco industry's largesse doesn't stop with ads. Nearly every major Black cultural event held during the past decade has had a tobacco or liquor company as its primary sponsor.

Cigarette makers provided major funding for the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, the Annual Harlem Week festival in New York, and the 200 city Ebony magazine fashion fair.

The industry also cloaks itself in the mantle of progressive political activism and as a champion of civil rights and Black causes. It has doled out millions in gifts, and contributions to social and political groups such as the Urban League, the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as the NAACP, the United Negro College Fund, and the National Council of Black Legislators. The claim is that this national budget cuts in funding to arts and non-profit organizations, and the increasing miserliness of corporate contributors force them to seek funding wherever they can get it.

Black anti-smoking activists recall that when they fight the tobacco companies they are bumping heads with one of the best organized, best financed, and propaganda savvy industries on the planet. But with the health of thousands of young African Americans at stake, it's well worth the fight.

Mixed race classifications: are we forgetting our history?

By Oscar Eason

Under mounting pressure from emerging multi-ethnic groups to change existing racial categories for the U.S. Census in the year 2000, the Federal Government has created a force that recommended Americans be allowed to classify themselves by checking off multiple racial categories. Two-thirds of all African Americans can mark at least two of these categories, according to one estimate. Thirty federal agencies formed the Interagency Committee for the Review of the Racial and Ethnic Standards to revise the racial and ethnic categories used in the last census—American Indian, or Alaskan Native.

Astorian or Pacific Islander, black, white, or of Hispanic origin.

The recent demands for a separate status for those of mixed race implies that there is a new race of persons; and that these persons deserve independent status in the social, economic and political arena. This kind of subdivision of our population into even smaller racial categories will not contribute to solving the problem of discrimination and will only serve to further separate us as a nation. Skin color should not be the basis for status in a democracy. Mixed race people of multiple racial check-offs will reinstate practices that were a part of the pre-civil rights era in the Old South.

There are many pitfalls if we insti-

tute a multiple racial check-off in the next census. For instance, will those who choose multiple categories be entitled to protection against discrimination? Will these new persons be rewarded more social, economic and political benefits because they more closely resemble the present white majority? The Census of 1890 included categories for "octoroon" and "quadroon" to count people with one-eighth and one-fourth black ancestry. Do we want to return to these or any other color-codes, albeit under new disguises? Generations of African Americans "disappeared" or "passed" to become "white" because of the social and economic benefits. This is a national shame for which we are still

paying the price.

Tiger Woods may have a personal right to call himself a "Cabinasian," but this is essentially irrelevant, perhaps self-deluding and may remove legal protections from those who choose to identify themselves as Black.

We have fought many battles to achieve equality in this country. We should not be swayed by divisional racism that will set us back. If democracy is still our goal, we need to forget about "mixed race" and multiple race categories and get on with the business of rebuilding a multi-racial democracy.

Oscar Eason is the president and CEO of Blacks in Government.

Condoning your shyness

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Most people who are shy and lack confidence in themselves are timid in their behavior, actually cause other people to make them shy.

It is so strange, doesn't it? But it is true. The shy person who feels inadequate, feels that he/she simply does not "have what it takes" to be successful and so is likely to be cautious and hesitant when meeting others. He or she seldom takes the initiative or expresses an idea even though it may be logical and well considered. Instead a shy individual always depends on others to take aggressive, assertive action.

When others observe this behavior, they tend to infer that the individual lacks competence, has no leadership ability and cannot be trusted. They may even refrain from speaking to the person. When the shy person becomes aware of this, feelings of shyness are enhanced.

In effect, the shy person says: "They do not talk to me because they do not like me." They do not like me because I am incompetent," he/she says. "The shy person does not express himself/herself because he/she is not intelligent and has nothing interesting to say. So, let's stay away." Both parties have interpreted each other's behavior and have made assumptions about each other.

The shy person, whose withdrawn behavior causes others to withdraw, becomes even more shy, withdrawn, and feels more inadequate. This, in turn, makes others even more convinced of the person's incapability.

Shy behavior reinforces and strengthens the negative behavior of others. The "vicious cycle" may go on and on until the shy person is forced into a lonely shell.

So, what is the initial cause of the problem? The subject's shy behavior. And how can a shy person change the reactions of others? The answer is simple: Stop acting shy. Instead of acting withdrawn, instead of looking away when others look at you, instead of refusing to say anything, instead of always letting others take the initiative, instead of failing to mingle with other people, instead of withdrawing to a shell—assert yourself.

Act assertive and adequate. Perform as if you were a Hollywood actor or actress. Walk up to other people and introduce yourself. Be the first to express your ideas, make people think that you're not shy even if you are. They will in return react with openness, respect and friendliness.

The other stalwart co-founder, William "Bill" Grace, conceived of reading program and Lester Leon DuBois Learning Center in Paso Robles, California, a mathematics program utilizing his expertise as a mathematician. Dixon holds a Masters Degree in Math from Texas Southern University.

Both of these brothers were products of the 1960's Black Liberation Movement and used their tremendous skills as organizers to establish the vision, plans and strategy for the development of the W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center.

What is most inspiring about *Future In Our Hands* is that Dixon creatively conceptualizes the rationale and the development of the Learning Center and takes each stage of its development, including biographical sketches of the key volunteer tutors.

There have been many efforts to build independent institutions coming out of the Black Liberation Movement of the 1960's. Very few of them were able to sustain themselves for a variety of reasons.

But in this instance, Dixon is able to give a detailed account of the efforts that have made the Learning Center the beacon of Black education in a predominantly white area.

Future In Our Hands is an inspiring accounting of how when African Americans set a positive direction, work cooperatively, develop trust, and respect the needs of their collective works, they can accomplish anything we set out to do.

If you really want to know how to build a Black independent institution read *Future In Our Hands*.

Dr. Worrill is the National Chairman of the National Black United Front (NBUF).

Parties that help take care of our youth

By Marian Wright Edelman

When Christopher Morton established Ebon Exposure four years ago, he sought to shatter the current media images of Black Americans as lazy, violent, and self-centered.

Today, Morton's dream is a reality. Ebon Exposure, a national organization would cultivate the creative talents of Black youth.

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The value of an African-American life

By Dr. L. Ronald Durham

Garnett "G.P." Johnson, a young African American man, was murdered just two weeks ago in the small rural town of Elk Creek, Virginia.

The story was first aired nationally by BET's talk show host Tavis Smiley, who has diligently sought to uncover the facts behind this bizarre night.

Johnson was in the company of four supposed friends, two white men and two black women. I point to the color of his friends because it is their ethnicity that directly contributed to this young man's fate. They were all out late on that fateful day, for what on the surface at least, appears to be a night of fun and games. However for Garnett it ended with him being doused with gasoline by one or more of them, set on fire, and then decapitated.

Mr. Walter Kyle, president of the Grayson County branch of the NAACP says that "it is still not safe for a black man to be in the company of white women under any circumstances."

The irony of this story is the fact that it has not been given coverage by any of the major news reporting agencies such as, NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, NY Times, USA Today, Daily News, etc.

Once again America has demonstrated that it does not value the lives of African Americans killed in the streets. It is as if they are not human beings.

We have been given every known detail, by every major news source, the circumstances surrounding the JonBenet Ramsey case. America's collective heart aches each time we are shown the image of a little white girl with blonde hair and blue eyes, dressed up for a beauty contest. We have little black girls killed in our streets every day, and they never make the front page of the newspaper.

What is wrong with America is the same thing that has been going on with this country from its founding: two nations inhabiting the same space, as the Kerner Commission stated during the 1960's one black, one white separate and unequal.

Thank God for Black-owned newspapers, television and radio stations, with the courage to carry the stories of the Garnett Johnson's of America.

Immigrants latest welfare casualties

By Ras Al Turner

After the federal government passed the Welfare Reform Act which took effect on April 1, it became immediately apparent that one of the largest group of casualties would be immigrants.

The combined changes of welfare reform and new immigration policies have affected Caribbean immigrants in three pronounced areas: deportation of undocumented immigrants; loss of social security benefits and food stamps and the loss of Medicaid benefits.

In an effort to discourage illegal immigration and punish those who break the law, the laws are now requiring that they have been in years. Under the Welfare Reform Act, this is the new rule: Undocumented immigrants who stay in the United States longer than 180 days will be banned from re-entering the country for three years. And those who stay here without authorization for 365

days, will be banned from re-entering for 10 years.

Many undocumented immigrants were not aware of the new rulings and failed to adjust their status by taking their marriage vows. However, the real deadline to adjust their status is before September 30 and midnight, the countdown for the 180 days and 365 days overstay actually began on April 1, but anyone who is undocumented now and adjusts their status before September will be in good shape.

After September, unless Congress renews the law, petitioners will be required to leave the country to be considered for a visa. Some fear that they will be kept out once they leave under the new law that bans violators.

It is obvious that as health care administrators will struggle to interpret the new laws, some have found it more convenient to refuse to take legal immigrants who with green cards have citizenship, than to figure out who will lose benefits and who will keep them.

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Local Briefs

Americorps Peacekeepers is looking for new recruits for community programs

PISCATAWAY—The Ameri Corps Peacekeepers Program is seeking community members who are interested in making a positive difference in various communities throughout Middlesex County. The Peacekeepers Program is a school and community based program that provides services such as violence prevention, tutoring, and homework assistance to youths and parents. AmeriCorps members will receive a number of benefits through an AmeriCorps grant. Eligible applicants should be at least 18 or older, be a citizen or permanent resident, be able to commit to a 12 month program of service involving individuals of different racial, ethnic, and economic and educational backgrounds, be able to work as a team member, and have a GED or H.S. diploma.

The service year officially starts September 1, 1997. For more information, please call 732-235-4109.

Fleet Bank reaches out to first-time home buyers with loan assistance

JERSEY CITY—Fleet Bank recently announced "Jump Start," a \$2.5 million commitment to provide unsecured loan assistance up to \$5,000 for down payment and closing costs to first-time home buyers purchasing 1-4 family properties. The Fleet initiative is in conjunction with the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) Community Home Buyer program.

To qualify, borrowers must be first-time buyers or they must purchase a residence located in an HMFA designated target area and have income up to 80% of HMFA eligible income limits. For more information on HMFA target areas and income limits for this program, consumers may call Fleet Mortgage at 800-465-3070 or 800-968-0914.

New York sewage company dumps waste into the Hudson River

The State of New Jersey recently received official notification that a Tarrytown, New York, sewage pumping station has been discharging raw sewage into the Hudson River for nearly two weeks. Discharging at a rate of 3 million gallons a day, at least 15 million gallons of the scarcely treated waste product has entered the main waterway into the New York-New Jersey Harbor, and at the State of New Jersey was not notified until several days later - after the Department of Environmental Protection made inquiries upon learning that bubbling noises along the Hudson river were closed.

Governor Whitman called upon the state of New York to ensure that the State of New Jersey is given prompt notification when such a spill occurs.

Jersey City State college College prepares for the new millennium

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College (JCSC) will celebrate the approach of the new millennium this academic year with an array of academic courses and exciting series of cultural programs and special events.

When the fall semester begins on Tuesday, September 2, the College community will begin a thematic exploration of "Similarities and Differences," a subject of global importance which has great personal and societal significance.

Thirty-one special courses have been developed for the fall theme semester, which is entitled: "Similarities and Differences: Celebrating the Millennium." Each academic department will offer at least one millennial course. Theme courses will include: "The Global Economy in the Next Millennium," "From the Printing Press to the Internet," and "Preparing Incoming Students for the 21st Century."

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3rd graders graduate from Seton Hall



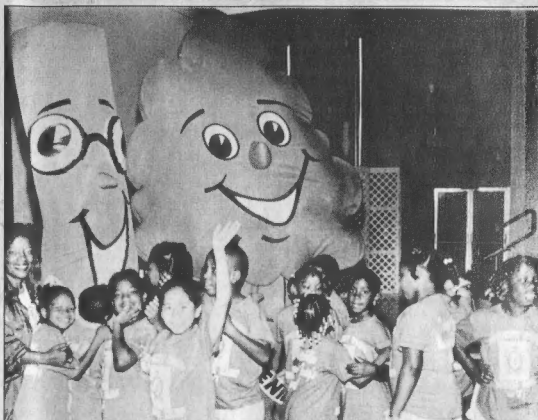
Maria V. Ortiz, health and wellness instructor, discusses nutrition with project participants Nakiya Jefferson and Rason Jones, third graders at the Alexander Street School, Newark.

SOUTH ORANGE—The culminating activity of the recent Project 2000 Summer Camp was the Fourth Annual Celebration luncheon held on the Seton Hall campus recently. The two-week program was established to provide positive role models for 40 elementary school children from the Alexander Street School in Newark and Oakwood Avenue School in Orange.

Mr. Bertram Scott, President and CEO of Jersey Health Plan, was the keynote speaker for the event. Scott, a major program donor, made a personal pledge to increase his involvement and is currently developing a mentoring program with PSE&G.

A few other "Men of Project 2000" spoke to the children at the luncheon describing their careers. On hand were NJ Assemblyman Craig Stanley, Orange City Councilman Albin Barnhart, and Dr. Nathan Dooley, Project 2000 community advisory board chairman.

The program's young participants gave presentations based on studying the environment; the program's project theme. A special display with the



Puppets Cleanie and Greenie teach students from the Alexander Street School in Newark and Oakwood Avenue School in Orange the importance of not littering and keeping the environment clean. This summer camp program, based on two weeks of studying the environment, is an example of year-round activities designed to prevent the development of negative attitudes toward school and academic achievement among inner city children from an early age.

theme: "Recycled Art, decorate decorated the luncheon hall. Also on hand for entertainment were the giant environmental puppets "Cleanie" and "Greenie."

Seton Hall University Project 2000, which sponsored free year-round activities for nearly 125 youngsters, is designed to prevent the development of negative attitudes toward school and academic achievement among inner-city children from an

early age. The camp also provides the children a university campus experience. Al Bundy, Project 2000 Director at Seton Hall was pleased with the outcome of the program. "We're proud of the students having this experience," he said. "We think that this made the summer special for some of them. Hopefully, this will encourage them to think of Seton Hall when making their college plans down the road."

Project 2000 was created by Dr. Spencer Holland in 1988 in Washington, DC. The Seton University Project 2000 is named after Dr. Holland's successful prototype. Project 2000 has been in partnership with the Alexander Street School and the Oakwood Avenue School for the past five years and has been operating the free Project 2000 Summer Camp at Seton Hall for the past three years.

South Orange

school children from the Alexander Street School in Newark and Oakwood Avenue School in Orange. Mr. Bertram Scott, President and CEO of Jersey Health Plan, was the keynote speaker for the event.



The Plainfield Y first place tennis champions pose for a celebratory portrait. With them, standing at left, is team coach Dave Hopkins, and, standing at right, assistant coach James Jones.

Plainfield comes in first in AAU Junior Olympics

By g. r. maitor

Three teams from the Plainfield area won recognition at the 31st AAU Junior Olympic Games held in Charlotte, NC recently.

A total of 14,000 athletes converged on the "Queen City of the South," as Charlotte is known, making this athletic meet the largest ever.

Participants from our Queen City made a great showing in the tennis

competition. Plainfield YMCA of Eastern New Jersey won the gold medal by virtue of games allowed in the ranking 14-under open division. Plainfield Y allowed 141 games, besting their closest competition by seven games.

The 18-and under non-ranked team from the Plainfield "Y" came home with the Bronze medal, coincidentally defeating the Plainfield And Youth Development Tennis Association, better known as PAYD; TA. Fourth place in the tennis series went to PAYD/TA team.

The Plainfield Y team can usually be found practicing three hours a week from October to June at the Rutgers-Piscataway Indoor Tennis Bubble.

The Plainfield YMCA is made up of boys' singles player Jimmy Fairbanks, girls' single player Rupali Kulkarni, the boys' doubles team of Liam Cushing and Oliver Kamp, the girls' doubles team of Daniela Accardo and Monique Jones and the mixed doubles teams of Matt Hopkins and Megha Rao.

Funds will help child care centers serve low income families

TRENTON—Child care centers will get help to expand to serve more low income families under a new collaboration announced by New Jersey Commissioner of Community Affairs, Jane M. Kenny.

"Building stronger centers: A Child Care Initiative" is a collaboration among three private, non-profit groups — New Jersey Community Loan Fund, a statewide community development loan fund based in Trenton; Child Care Connection, a regional training and resource center based in Pennington; and Center for Non-Profit Corporations, a statewide technical assistance and membership organization based in Princeton. The

collaboration will receive \$40,000 from the State's Community Services Block Grants program, administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

Child care centers already planning to expand to serve more low income families, as well as new centers, will compete to receive intensive training, technical assistance and special financing services including access to loans. Up to ten centers will be chosen in the first year to receive a package of services estimated to value over \$10,000 per center.

"Affordable and high quality child care is a critical component of the Governor's strategy to reduce welfare dependence and to enhance the quality of life in urban centers," said Commissioner Kenny. "This innova-

tive collaboration brings together the expertise of three capable groups to focus on building the capacity of centers to increase of low income children serve in high quality settings."

"Centers chosen to participate will receive valuable training and hands-on assistance to implement and finance expansion plans," said Anne Li, director of the New Jersey Community Loan Fund, one of the collaboration members. "They will learn to enhance their business and marketing skills and will be given management and financing tools so that they survive and grow in a challenging and rapidly changing environment to serve more low income children."

Funding is also provided by the

New Brunswick secures sports complex

By Brian Villa

NEW BRUNSWICK—A youth sports complex which will serve thousands is now possible because the city council approved a \$500,000 loan last week to secure a \$2.2 million funding package.

The council moved forward on the ward on the

"X"-year loan to meet the project's state funding component. Its action comes after the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders approved a \$1.2 million appropriation for the project earlier this summer. An additional million dollars was secured from the state, half from a Green Acres grant, and half through a low-interest loan, which the council's action repays, city administrator Tom Loughlin said. The term of the loan is for 20 years.

The sports complex will be located at 409 Joyce Kilmer Ave., a former industrial site between New Brunswick High School and Joyce Kilmer Park. In June, the city foreclosed on the property because of unpaid taxes. Renovation will begin later this year.

"The complex will look like three pieces of a cloverleaf," said Mike Blackwell, director of the city's recreation department. He explained that the lighted sports fields will surround

the concession stand on three sides and the city's parking lot would be "the stem" of a cloverleaf.

The complex will also have a picnic area complete with a stream and open recreation space for passive sports such as frisbee.

Two year-round soccer fields and three baseball/softball fields will anchor the facility. These dedicated facilities will substantially improve recreational opportunities in the city, Blackwell said, because the overcrowding of some fields will end. He also pointed out that the location of the complex could facilitate sports tournaments since the high school and park's facilities are nearby.

Principal users of the complex are expected to be the Athletic Coalition for Excellence, New Brunswick High School and possibly Pop Warner football.

City parks superintendent Jim Campbell said the complex will make the city a leader in terms of "recreation space in urban communities." He noted that when the facility is complete, the city's recreational land will be comparatively greater than other urban areas.

Blackwell said, as he aptly described the complex. "We're going to make it look like a minor league stadium."

Lakeside school graduates



ORANGE - Lakeside School, a special education private high school and division of The First Occupational enter of New Jersey, recently graduated eight students. The school combines academics with vocational training and counseling, providing the foundation students need to make the transition from school to work. Pictured in front from left to right, are Paterson residents Alice Alexander and Alberto Gonzalez. In the back row, from left to right are, Paterson residents Alaba Muhammed and Chakira Spence, along with fellow graduates Gracie Snell, William Johnson and Jonathan Flowers. Not pictured is Eric Davis.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

PISCATAWAY—A reunion of former Corps members and staff of the Job Corps Center located at the former Camp Kilmer site in Edison. The program sponsored by the US Department of Labor has been known as Kilmer Job Corps Center, NJ Residential Manpower Training Center, and NJ Job Corps. For more information, call 1-800-985-5215.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

SADDLE BROOK—How to develop and deliver powerful employee orientation programs - a one day seminar, for managers, supervisors and HR personnel at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. For more information, call 1-800-821-3919.

NEW YORK—"The Voice of Authority" is a breakfast symposium featuring NYCHA, DASHY and NYSCAA at the Plaza Center, 235 East 42 Street, Cost \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. For more information, call (212) 687-0610.

Hackensack—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners presents a free seminar titled "Are you an Entrepreneur?" At the Bergen Workforce Center. Registration required. For more information, call 908-560-9607.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

IRVINGTON—The Township of Irvington and the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors are sponsoring the Contractors Assistance Program. The event will be at the Senior Citizen Center in Irvington. For more information, call 908-560-9600.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NEW YORK—How to Develop and deliver powerful employee orientation programs - a one day seminar for managers, supervisors and HR personnel at the American Management Association. For more information, call 1-800-821-3919.

TOMS RIVER—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners presents a free seminar titled "Are you an Entrepreneur?" At the Toms River Adult School. Registration required. For more information, call 908-560-9607.

IRVINGTON—The Township of Irvington and the NJ Economic Development Authority are sponsoring the successful Entrepreneurial training institute. The institute provides entrepreneurs an innovative combination of training, technical assistance. For more information, call 609-292-1800.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK-NY—NJ Minority Purchasing Council's 1997 Scholarship FUND day at the Wyckoff Country Club. For more information, call 212-522-7632.



Washington—During the National Urban League's (NUL) 1997 annual conference held this year Washington, D.C., Janice Griffin, VP of government relations for the Prudential Insurance Company of America, presented NUL president, Hugh Price, with a painted

Prudential joins Urban League to stress economic empowerment

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With economic power, the American dream will continue to be more of a nightmare for millions of African Americans. However, thanks to the support of corporations such as the Prudential Insurance Company, the National

Urban League is working harder than ever to ensure that this dream becomes more of a reality for millions of minorities nationwide.

"Economic Power: The Next Civil Rights Frontier, the theme of the recent National Urban League 1997 annual conference, stressed themes of economic empowerment, entrepreneurship and community revitalization. Keynote speakers included President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Office of Management and Budget Director Franklin Raines, and Black Entertainment Television Chairman Robert L. Johnson.

The Urban League conference also placed heavy emphasis on corporate involvement and responsibility. "Urban revitalization is difficult, but it can be done," says Gabriella Coleman, President of the Prudential Insurance Company Foundation. "Our company's programs are about providing local leader and agencies with the tools they need to rebuild their communities," she added. "Thanks to major corporations like Prudential, more African Americans can have a chance at gain-

ing economic opportunity," said National Urban League President Hugh Price at the annual pre-dinner reception sponsored by Prudential.

According to Price, "Any society that is truly 'of the people, for the people and by the people,' must share its economic bounty with all the people." Ms. Coleman agrees: "The corporate community has the resources and should have the commitment to form partnerships. This is the only way we all can rebuild and succeed."

For more than 10 years, Prudential Insurance and the Urban League have partnered across the nation to revitalize communities, provide job training and enhance education opportunities for children. "We are extremely proud of the relationship that Prudential Insurance has with the National Urban League," says Ms. Coleman. "This makes for a great partnership."

Prudential Insurance Company of America is one of the largest financial institutions in the world and the largest life insurance company in North America. It has a major presence in the insurance, securities, money management, employee benefits and administration, consumer banking and real estate brokerage and relocation industries.

The NAACP develops economic drive

PITTSBURGH, PA.—The NAACP vowed recently to monitor the assistance American corporations provide to African Americans in economic development programs and to mount nationwide, selective buying programs against firms with failing records.

Promising a massive national program, organized by its newly formed Business Development Institute, the Association says its more than half a million membership, active in close to 3,000 chapters, would spearhead the new, national effort.

The NAACP's president and CEO, Kweisi Mfume, submitted a series of resolutions to enthusiastic delegates at the Association's 88th Annual Convention that promised to move the nation's oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization back into an era of extensive social activism.

One major goal of the Mfume resolutions called for the most positive uses of an estimated \$400 billion in purchasing power earned every year by African Americans. Economists

said that this income falls short of providing African Americans important economic benefits because of overall weaknesses in the black American economic infrastructure.

The basis for strengthening the economic development capacity of African Americans was spelled out in a resolution's charge that "the African American consumer is entitled to a reciprocal relationship with corporations and businesses, given the significant expenditure of the African American dollar in virtually every U.S. industry."

The document said that "corporations and businesses continue to deprive African Americans of equal economic opportunities despite the significant economic impact of the African American community as consumers of goods and services."

Another resolution passed during the convention said that "a nationwide selective buying campaign is an effective tool of persuasion against corporate injustice."

The NAACP document went on to argue that the "\$400 billion in

annual spending power of African American consumer can be leveraged as an effective tool of persuasion for change. Mfume told attendees: "We are like beggars sitting on bags of gold."

The new Business Development Institute will have "a leading role in publishing and distributing" information on how effectively American corporations have performed in helping to promote African American economic development on an industry-by-industry basis.

Observers at the convention expressed the thought that the campaign could be helpful in rebuilding the overall black economy as well as revitalizing the NAACP itself. They noted that the popularity of the organization's new leadership is currently at its peak. In addition, the national civil rights movement has gained support for its economic development program from hundreds of national and international business corporations. Scores of these organizations attended the NAACP's convention.

NAACP celebrates conference conclusion



PITTSBURGH, PA.—Myrlie Evers-Williams, second from right, Chair of the NAACP Board of Directors, welcomes corporate supporters recently to the Association's 88th Annual Convention. Virgil W. Colbert, second from left, Executive Vice President, Miller Brewing Company, accompanied three executives from Philip Morris Companies Inc. to the convention. They were from left, Molly Walsh, Manager; Wanda Hopkins, Specialist, and Teri Mendez, Specialist. The convention's 4,000 voting delegates were highly enthusiastic about economic development resolutions that committed the half-million member national organization to promoting selective buying campaigns against unfair businesses and to the monitoring of businesses supported by black consumer dollars. Delegates supported, in addition, the prudent use African American spending power as investments and leverages for economic development. The resolutions put annual spending power of African Americans at \$400 billion. A longtime supporter of minority economic development, Philip Morris Companies Inc. consists of Philip Morris USA, Kraft Foods Inc. and Miller Brewing Company.

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IRVINGTON—Irvington General Hospital offers seniors the new Senior Resource 50 percent Discount Meal Program. Seniors, age 60 and over and the disabled can eat well-balanced, nutritional meals in Irvington General Hospital's cafeteria at half price.

Any senior with proof of age or any person with a disability who becomes a member will receive a laminated identification card and a membership information packet about the program. Irvington General Hospital's cafeteria is located on the ground floor and meals are offered from 8am to 10am for breakfast; 11:30am to 1:30 pm for lunch; and 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm for dinner. For further information, please contact the Senior Resource Center at 973-399-6276.

'Passive' smoke may cause heart disease

Constant exposure to second-hand smoke—in the workplace or at home—nearly doubles the risk of having a heart attack. Results of the research recently appeared in the *American Heart Association Journal*. A 10-year investigation involving female nurses found a higher level of risk from passive smoking than has been seen before, and provides the strongest evidence yet that exposure to smoke in the workplace is as dangerous as exposure at home.

Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease. "New Jersey's and the country's no. 1 killer and cause of disability," it's been recognized for some time that environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), also called passive smoke or second-hand smoke, is a serious health hazard for nonsmokers, particularly children. The new study shows that second-hand smoke is not good for anyone.

In the study recently published in the *American Heart Association's Journal*, healthy, non-smoking nurses who said they were regularly exposed to "passive" smoking by their co-workers or home companions had a 91 percent higher relative risk of a heart attack or death, compared to nurses who were not subjected to smoke, the researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School reported.

HeartBeat

Ali fights back



Muhammad Ali

Because of the courage and inner strength of Muhammad Ali, Parkinson's disease now has a face. For forty years, the National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) has worked tirelessly to find the cause of and cure for Parkinson's while creating the much needed public awareness of the disease. But it was Muhammad Ali's public disclosure of his plight with Parkinson's disease that sparked the public's interest in this devastating, neurological disorder. The response to Ali's appearance at the 1996 Olympics was amazing. NPF's phone lines had never been as busy. So many people wanted to know what happened to the Champ and things haven't been the same since.

As the spokespersons for the National Parkinson Foundation, Ali and his wife Lonnie have sent a message of hope to millions of Parkinson's patients everywhere. They have encouraged others to come out of the "closet" and challenge the disease—to join in the fight! Ali's commitment and dedication to the cause is inspiring; they are the heroes of the Parkinson's community.

We hope you will find their efforts as inspiring as we do and join in the fight by doing your part. Public awareness is the first step in finding a cure, and you can help us! For more information on the National Parkinson Foundation, please call 1-800-327-4545.

Black and uninsured: double jeopardy for many children

Affordable, comprehensive health coverage is essential so that all children have the opportunity to lead healthy, productive lives—regardless of race or socioeconomic background. But for black children, who suffer and die disproportionately from a variety of maladies, health insurance is even more significant, says Barbara Kelley-Sease, director of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC).

Black children are more than twice as likely as white children to die from heart disease and pneumonia, and six times as likely to die from HIV-related illnesses and lung diseases, including asthma, according to data published by the Children's Defense Fund, which coordinates the BCCC. In addition, the proportion of

black babies born at low birth-weight was 13.2 percent in 1994, compared with 6.1 percent for white babies. For every 1,000 babies born to black mothers in 1994, nearly 16 died before their first birthday—more than twice the infant mortality rate (6.6) of those born to white mothers.

The health plight of black children is exacerbated because working black families are far less likely to be insured privately. According to a recent CDF study, The Health Insurance Crisis for America's Children, if current trends hold steady, little more than half of all children will have insurance related to their parents' employment by the year 2000, and fewer than a third of black children will be covered, the study says. One predominant cause is that

working black parents are more likely to be employed in low- and moderate-income jobs that do not provide family health insurance as an employee benefit.

Even though Medicaid has been expanded over the past decade to cover many additional, mostly poor children, the evaporation of private health coverage for working families, who can above the poverty level, has surpassed Medicaid's growth for children below or right above that level, according to CDF Health Director Juan Dom. As a result, the number of uninsured children in America has risen from more than 8 million in 1987 to nearly 10 million in 1997.

"The sad reality is that nine out of 10 of these children have a parent who works, and almost two-thirds have a

parent who works full-time," says Dom. "Yet, most of their parents earn too much for the children to qualify for Medicaid, their parents' jobs don't provide employer-paid insurance coverage for dependents, and they cannot afford the high cost of premiums to cover their families."

The only way to make sure that the children in these families receive the health coverage they need is through new, expanded programs of health coverage aimed at low- and moderate-wage working families, says Kelley-Sease.

"The educational, social, and economic costs are great," she adds. "When a child can't see the black, heart or brain the teacher all that well, how can they be expected to learn at their full potential?"

Parents corner

Your kids are ready for college, are you?

Your child is set for school. You've gotten shoes, blankets, a microwave, notebooks, pens, highlighters, a tool kit, laundry detergent and all the other essentials necessary for your child's first year at college and away from home. But are you ready to send your child off to college? Have you thought about the transition which will take place in your life as you send your first, or your last, child off to school?

It's not uncommon for parents to feel relief that a child is going off to college, then as the time draws closer, or on the day they actually take them to campus, feel depressed. It often doesn't hit the parents until they drop the child off at school," according to MaryAnn Baenninger, Associate Professor of Psychology at The College of New Jersey.

"Parents often suffer an emotional sense of loss when their child goes off to college," adds Elizabeth Paul, Assistant Professor of Psychology at The College of New Jersey. "It can be a tough transition, but parents need to view it as a time to begin building a new relationship with their child. It is the time that the parent needs to begin to see the child as a peer," she said. "Parents need to think of this time as a transformation of their relationship with their child. Both the child and the parent have a sense of uniqueness, but are tied to one another. It is individualism, not separation," adds Paul.

Many factors can influence the emotions which parents feel when they send a child off to school. For example, whether it is the first or last child they are sending off to college, the parents' financial situation, how

close they are to retirement, and whether both parents worked outside the home can all play a part in the types of emotions parents feel. "Hall, And, it's not always just the child going to college which raises these new emotions in parents. Sending a child off to college is the first big juncture in many people's lives and can trigger other feelings which is thinking about retirement or a new phase in life and can contribute to a mid-life crisis."

According to Baenninger, this can be a time in a parent's life when they realize that they have spent so much time and energy on their children, that they have neglected themselves. Or, they can wonder what is left in their lives now that their children are gone. Parents need to use this time to concentrate on themselves and their marriage. They need to find new topics of conversation and new interests which they can share together.

Religion

Keeping God in our lives

By Juniors Ricardo Stanton

"When God shuts a door for us he will open another one," says a Swahili proverb. Life entails continual change. Some are gradual, others come suddenly without warning. You may be flying high one day, down and almost out the next. Things happen. You may make through plans and preparations then something totally unexpected and unforeseen pops up to throw everything out of whack. Life presents us with many disappointments, setbacks and heartaches.

In a world we don't control, many things will go "wrong." We think life is not fair. But life is not all bad and things are not always what they seem. Our greatest challenge is to make the best of every situation. Our challenge is to have complete faith in a "Creative Spirit" of love, goodness, mercy and wisdom.

The Law of Life is growth and change. So when we are in a transition period, it is incumbent upon us to learn and grow from the situation. Things are not always what they seem. What we think is a catastrophe may, in fact turn out to be a monumental blessing. When things go awry, look for the lesson. When life slams a door in your face, look for the opening door of opportunity.

The ending of a relationship or job termination may cause you pain, anxiety and angst, but believe me, something better is within your grasp. Look for it, recognize it and embrace it. Life is dynamic not static. It is ever flowing upward and upward. The Creator in infinite wisdom means for us to grow and evolve into all we are capable of becoming by blossoming and manifesting our innate resources and gifts. This process works through life experiences.

God is interested in you and His infinite wisdom created you and

concerned about your well-being and success. You are here for a purpose and reason. Many times the Creator attempts to get our attention but we just don't see or hear. The Creator does have a master plan, peace and happiness for everyone.

Change is often difficult and unsettling. When you are here for a purpose and reason, you are here for a purpose and reason. Many times the Creator attempts to get our attention but we just don't see or hear. The Creator does have a master plan, peace and happiness for everyone.

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BILLBOARD CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

NEWARK—Souls of Integrity at PSEAG's Robert I. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

HOLMDEL—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Performances at the PNC Bank Arts Center. For ticket information, call 201-507-8900.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

ORANGE—Lincoln Galleries Antiques Auction through Sept. 17, will feature fine arts and antiques and a wide variety of furniture, paintings, oriental rugs, silver and other important items. For more information, call 800-242-5825.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK—Reflection on Thelonious Monk, hosted by Marcus Roberts at Lincoln Center. For more information, call 212-875-5244.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NEWARK—The Barjo Ragtime at PSEAG's Robert I. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

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Elevating the standards and emphasizing the stars, the Money Talks CD is spearheaded by two outstanding lead singles: "Avenues," a raw R&B reggae jam by the



Mary J. Blige

Refugee Camp All Stars Featuring Pras and "My Everything," a scintillating slow-jam sung to sensual perfection by Barry White and Faith Evans.

In an era when urban contemporary soundtracks have proliferated into Hollywood's most successful creative partner, the dynamic Money Talks CD is executive produced by Arista's head man, Clive Davis, and the soundtrack's executive producers are Chris Tucker and Brett Ratner and is, by far, the cinematic compilation album of the year.

WBGU cited for excellence, soon to be heard on Internet

WBGU Jazz 88.3 FM (Newark Public Radio) received a \$450,000 multi-year grant and several special recognition awards at the New Jersey State Council for the Arts' (NJSCA) recent annual meeting.

WBGU was cited as A major arts institution for its solid history of artistic excellence, substantial pro-

gramming and broad public service. A Citation of Excellence applauded WBGU's grant application that demonstrated the highest standards of excellence in its artistry, operations and governance. Distinguished among its peers, WBGU also received a perfect score from the music panel for sound management, financial stability and breadth of support, broad arts education efforts and leadership.

"We take special pride in the recognition that WBGU received during the meeting," said Station General Manager Cephas Bowles. "We were mentioned more than virtually all of the other 100 or so groups in attendance."

The \$450,000 general operating support grant will be distributed to WBGU annually over three years. This is the first year that NJSCA has awarded multi-year grants.

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Literature

PATERSON FICTION HOSTS LITERARY COUNTER

The Paterson Fiction Prize and the Paterson Poetry Prize contests are being sponsored by The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College. The Poetry prize offers a \$1,000 award for the book of poems, 48 pages or more in length, selected by the judges as the strongest collection of poems published in 1997. The prize will be split evenly between the publisher and the poet. The poet will be asked to participate in an awards ceremony and to give a reading at the Poetry Center.

The Fiction Prize offers a \$500 award for a novel or collection of short fiction which, in the opinion of the judges, is the strongest work of fiction published in 1997. For further information and application form, write to: Maria Mazzitelli Gillan, director, Poetry Center, Passaic County Community College, One College Blvd., Paterson, NJ 07650-1179. Fictions entries are due April 1, 1998. Poetry entries are due February 1, 1998.

Television

BET ANNOUNCES FALL LINE-UP

Black Entertainment Television (BET) network executives recently announced their 1997 fall programming schedule. Beginning Sept. 13, BET will continue the network's long tradition of presenting college football with the Black College Football Classics series.

A new 60 minute nightly talk/news magazine, *BET Talk*, will premiere on Sept. 15. The new *BET Talk* will replace last year's popular show of the same name. The show will cover news of the day, issues, trends, celebrities, and controversial people in the news.

Also on the news front, BET will air a series of ten news specials entitled *BET Talks: An Emerge Magazine Special*, which will spotlight the issues covered in *Emerge* magazine.

Teen Summit will return on Saturday, Sept. 20. Hosted by Dajour, BET's award-winning live, teen talk show features in-depth discussions on today's issues affecting youth. This year, *Teen Summit* goes on the road with four special programs focused on teen pregnancy called the "Don't Kid Yourself, Teen Pregnancy is No Joke."

On September 21, BET's original shows *Lead Story*, hosted by Cheryl Martin, and *Our Voices*, hosted by Bev Smith will rejoin the Sunday morning lineup this fall.

Showtime presents Color of Justice



When community leader Ed Walton (played by Gregory Hines, right) becomes involved and the question of racism takes center stage, the murder case becomes a media circus, causing deadly results.

The Showtime Original Picture *Color of Justice* premieres exclusively on Showtime on Sunday, September 7 at 8:00 PM (ET/PT). *Color of Justice* stars F. Murray Abraham, Bruce Davison, Gregory Hines, and Judd Hirsch. The telepic begins with what seems to be an

open-and-shut carjacking and murder case involving four black students and a white female victim. However, when the case reaches trial, a strong-willed activist latches onto the incident, questioning society's responsibility at large and suggesting that the youths are the real

victims. Amidst a storm of media coverage, the question of race takes center stage and the murder case becomes a cause celebre — factors that outrage the victim's husband and lead him to a deadly course of action.

The Scoop

By Janice Malone

Three years ago, singer/songwriters Renee Newville and Jean Norris boldly arrived on the scene as Phane. Their shaved heads and later platinum-selling debut album quickly caught the public's attention, but it was their music that made a lasting impression.

Today, the dynamic duo is back this time around with hair. Their sophomore release *Saturday Night*, and its first single, "Request Line," wanted no time going straight to the top of Billboard's R&B chart. "Crash," their second single, immediately followed, clearly showing that Phane is no one-hit wonder.

"Saturday Night" is a diverse blend of jazz ballads and feverish up-tempo cuts. We recently chatted with one half of Phane, Renee Newville about the group's plans.

THE SCOOP: "Saturday Night" is your first album since your smash debut LP three years ago. Why the long wait?

PHANE: Well, time flies when you're relaxing (laughs). But to be

honest, we simply took some time off to take care of some personal business matters. We sat down with people like accountants, managers and the like, so that we could prepare ourselves business-wise for this current CD. When you release an album, you're never home so it can get very hectic with your business affairs. And also, we wrote much of the material on this CD, so we needed sometime to write these songs.

THE SCOOP: Your last CD was a platinum seller. Did you feel pressured to follow your own success?

PHANE: You know we only sold a million copies of the last album, and that was of this year. So it took three years for us to reach that selling status, which was good in many ways. The album didn't immediately shoot up the charts. It's always had a steady growth rate, which shows us that we have a consistently growing and loyal fan base.

THE SCOOP: You also have several nice jazz-type tunes too.

PHANE: Yes, we produced

most of the jazzier tracks. Before "Hey Mr. DJ" became a hit, we used to sing nothing but jazz tunes and write ballads. Some people have forgotten that we were also pianists before we became dance divas. I've been playing piano for 21 years. I can't remember how long Jean has played, but it's been a long time. Jean also studied jazz vocal performance in college, which was her major. All of that is really manifesting throughout this album.

THE SCOOP: Were you concerned with being categorized with as being dance divas only?

PHANE: Yes and we really didn't want that at all. We have a very broad musical range and we want the public to always be aware of that.

THE SCOOP: What keeps the two of you together?

PHANE: Our overall friendship. We really like each other. We're always there for each other. And we know that's rare. We strongly urge women in the music industry to stay together if they're in a group. We've been together been nine years now. We've literally grown up together.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority, Town of Dover (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 215 E. Blackwell Street, Dover, New Jersey, 07801 on September 15, 1997, until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. September 8, 1997 at the Housing Authority offices.

Separate sealed bids for:

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All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey, must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in New Jersey. (See Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury, as the Authority may prescribe and with Sureties as they may approve.)

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1075, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination in Affirmative Action," and Public Law 1977, c. 23, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Kathleen Lynch
Executive Director
Housing Authority, Town of Dover
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INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

The Housing Authority of Plainfield (PHAP) will receive sealed proposals for the following:

Fee Accounting Services at 2:00 p.m.
On Tuesday, September 9, 1997

All proposals will be addressed and received on the above date by the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Housing Authority of Plainfield is requesting proposals from qualified contractors located in the State of New Jersey to perform a Fee Accounting Services for its Low Income Housing

programs. Any qualified accountant interested, is invited to contact Mr. Calisto Garcia, at the Housing Authority of Plainfield, telephone number (908) 769-6355 or 615 to obtain the scope of service.

Performance Bonds are not required for these proposals. Proposers are required to comply with requirements of P.L. 1075, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination in Affirmative Action." Business Enterprises must be offered full opportunity to submit and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color gender or national origin in consideration of an award.

The PHAP reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any informalities in the proposals. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of any 60 days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the HAP.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC AUDITOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FYE

SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

The Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton will request proposals for its Annual Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1997.

It is the Authority's desire to retain and employ a qualified Independent Auditor (IPA) in order to audit the books and accounts of the Authority. All services must be in accordance with the existing federal rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and conducted in such a manner as to meet all regulatory auditing requirements of the State of New Jersey. This audit must meet applicable auditing standards established by (AICPA) referred to as Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

The services that are requested will be as follows and encompass all the Housing Authority's programs including, but not limited to:

1. Housing Housing (74 units), Section 8 Certificates (50 units), vouchers (100 units), Community Improvements Assistance Programs (CIAP).

2. The audit and records of the Authority for the 12 month period ending September 30, 1997 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (as defined in Standards for Auditing Government Organizations, Programs, Activities & Functions) and the auditing and reporting provisions in OMB circular A-128.

3. The audit performed should be sufficient in scope to enable the auditor to express an opinion on whether the financial statements fairly present the financial position of the Authority.

4. The audit must be in a format which is acceptable by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development as detailed in the HUD Audit Guide (7476.1 Rev. 1), the Single Audit Act of 1984 and any relevant government regulations.

5. The report should be completed within six months of the Independent Auditor's engagement letter.

6. The report should be in order to provide each PHA Commissioner and Staff with a copy and four (4) copies for the HUD Area Office.

7. Engagement should include detailed synopsis of the annual credit report to be published in the newspaper as required by the State of New Jersey.

8. Auditor must attend meetings, as requested, with Authority Commissioners/Staff.

9. Auditor/Staff must make work-exposers available for a period of time dictated by the federal government.

Qualifications:

Must be licensed in the State of New Jersey as a Certified Public Accountant.

The selected Auditor must meet the standards required in the Standards for Audit of Government Organizations, Programs, Activities & Functions.

Must have previous experience auditing Public Housing Agencies (include experience with your proposal).

Proposal Review:

All proposals will be reviewed according to the "Competitive Proposal process" outlined in the HUD Procurement Handbook 7560.8 and HUD Notice PHA 80-17.

Proposal Evaluation System:

Demonstrate experience & competence in this

type of work. 30 points

Familiarity with the Authority's programs in specific HUD rules and regulations in general. 20 pts.

Capability & capacity to accomplish work within the required time period. 10 points

Geographic location of firm relative to the proximity to the Authority. 10 points

Firmly Offer Opportunity Policy. Each bidder must ensure that all employees & applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. 10 points

Price 30 points

Proposal Submission:

A copy of the candidates resume should be attached to the proposal listing all previous experience and qualifications. Proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to the Authority on or before 5:00 P.M. September 30, 1997 and addressed to the following:

Sherry L. Sims, Executive Director

Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton

P.O. Box 150

Boonton, N.J. 07005

\$248.00

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON

P.O. Box 150

121 Chestnut Street

Boonton, N.J. 07005

(201) 335-0846

NOTICE FOR ACCEPTING SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton is inviting sealed proposals from professional accounting firms for fee accounting services for Low-Income Housing Programs, including Housing Certificates and Voucher Programs and Modernization Programs for the period beginning January 1, 1997 and ending December 31, 1997. All submissions will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

EVALUATION FACTOR:

1. Professional and technical experience as

CPA Fee Accounting experience of ability to perform the work including knowledge of public contracting and State Law and Federal Procurement requirements 15%

2. Past performance in terms of quality of work, experience with performance, timeliness, ability to deliver and capability to perform in a timely manner 15%

3. Experience in HUD accounting and financial management procedures including budget preparation, performance leveling, fiscal closing and all ancillary procedures required under HUD regulations such as CIAP and OJP reports 30%

4. General response including understanding of all programs 15%

5. Fee Schedule 25%

Submitters should include evidence that the accounting firm, principals and staff are not delinquent, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or municipal agency.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Accounting Services for Low-Income Public Housing and Section 8 Certificates, Vouchers and Modernization Programs

SECTION 1: Scope of Fee Accounting Services

The Accountant shall perform all necessary services to assist in the submission of the proposal. The Accountant shall do, perform and carry out, in a satisfactory and proper manner, as determined by the Authority, the following:

1. Review and update the books, records, and accounts of the Authority in accordance with the procedures outlined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for HUD programs.

2. Prepare journal vouchers as required.

3. Prepare such fiscal records and balance sheets once monthly, quarterly, or annual basis as shall be required by Federal or State Statutes or Regulations, or as requested by the Authority.

4. Prepare quarterly requisitions for funds.

5. Review existing modernization programs and budgets for the purpose of determining eligible activities under the modernization programs.

6. Establish and maintain subsidiary books of account and records for the Authority in accordance with the procedures outlined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7. Prepare and assist in any revisions of the 1997 budget and operating & supply calculations.

8. Prepare and assist in the preparation of the 1998 budget and operating & supply calculations.

9. Preparation of budgets and revisions for all

Section 8 programs as well. Fiscal closing of all other programs shall also be included.

10. Be available and serve as a consultant on accounting and fiscal matters.

11. Provide internal auditing services as may be requested by the Authority.

12. Attend meetings of the Authority when requested by the Authority or its Executive Director.

13. Prepare all other fiscal reports and statements when requested by the Authority or its Executive Director.

14. Perform all services and comply with all the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement for Accounting Services.

SECTION II: Time of Performance

The services of the Accountant are to commence as of January 1, 1997 and end on December 31, 1997. The Accountant shall provide the Authority, during the contract period as estimated 18 working days (128 days) of service, with the average amount of days per month being up to 112 days more or less.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUIRED OF EACH RESPONDENT

A. Method for Providing the requested services.

Your proposal should include your understanding of the work necessary to perform the work.

B. Qualifications and experience

1. Demonstrate the ability of the specifically named Accountant of the firm who will assist the Authority to perform the requested services by listing prior relevant experience relevant experience in executing similar responsibilities.

2. Demonstrate the ability of other specifically named non-Accountants to assist the lead Accountant to perform the requested services by listing prior relevant experience relevant experience in executing similar responsibilities.

3. Description of present or prior accounting services with the Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton and/or other PHA's.

C. Cost of Services

1. The Authority requires to receive a fixed annual price for the cost of these services, and anticipates twelve equal monthly payments.

2. Cost shall be broken down by program:

1. Management CIAP

2. Section 8 Certificate Program

3. Section 8 Voucher Program

4. Other Services

D. Requirements

1. The Authority requires these services to begin on January 1, 1997 and continue through December 31, 1997.

2. Respondents must demonstrate agreement with these terms in their responses. Failure to return an executed "Agreement for Fee Accounting Services" (Appendix 1 attached) may result in rejection of respondent's proposal.

3. Respondents must be Certified Public Accountants (CPA) licensed by the State of New Jersey, or Public Accountants, duly licensed by the State of New Jersey.

4. Small Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises Participation.

Set forth the degree of participation by the respondent in the town under this proposal by the above mentioned criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Accountant will be selected based on the higher response to the above criteria. It is very important in the submission of the proposal that you specify address and respond to each and every item listed in paragraphs A through E under the heading "Information and Data Required of Each Respondent," failure to comply with directives may cause your proposal to be rejected as incomplete and non-responsive.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

Proposals to the Request for Proposals are to be submitted by December 4, 1997, addressed as follows:

Sherry Lynn Sims, Executive Director

Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton

P.O. Box 150

121 Chestnut Street

Boonton, New Jersey 07005

\$387.40

Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton

P.O. Box 150

Boonton, N.J. 07005

(973) 335-0846

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MANAGEMENT CONSULTING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton, is requesting proposals from qualified parties for performance of the scope of services specified in

Proposal Requirements

Proposals shall contain the following:

A. Description of the respondent's qualification and experience (see below).

*Estimate quantity in hours of each category of staff rendering services under the contract.

*The total base contract fee.

A schedule of hourly billing rates listing each category of staff assigned to perform contract services.

*Other changes, if any, to be billed under the contract.

Qualifications and Experience Requirements:

The description of respondent's qualifications and experience shall be evidence/demonstrated possession of:

A broad and practical knowledge of U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development rules, regulations, requirements; federal law and applicable procedures relating to the low-income public housing programs. Strong analytical, interpretive, and written communications skills, particularly with regard to Public Housing, Section 8, Modernization, group facilitation skills and other related management needs; skills, capabilities and work experience of a level that would assure completion of the contract work in a timely and satisfactory manner.

Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the degree to which a respondent meets the qualifications and experience requirements as determined by the Authority according to attached Competitive Proposal Evaluation.

Submission of Proposals:

Proposals (original plus 2 copies) shall be delivered to the Housing Authority no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 1997. No faxes will be accepted. Same shall be addressed as follows:

Sherry L. Sims, Executive Director

Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton

P.O. Box 150

Boonton, N.J. 07005

(973) 335-0846

All proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, bearing the wording:

MANAGEMENT CONSULTING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

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The Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton retains the right to reject any and all proposals or to award contract for performance of the contract services to the respondent whose proposal is determined by the Authority to be the most advantageous, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth. If the Authority elects to award a contract, respondents shall be notified of the Authority's decision and the name of the selected Consultant.

Sherry L. Sims, Executive Director

Attachment A

Request for Proposals

Management Consulting and Technical Assistance Services

Scope of Services

The Consultant (Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials and services required to perform and complete the project in accordance with the terms of the Authority, for a period not to exceed one year, effective the date the Notice to proceed has been issued to the approved contractor.

*Assist in organization management and operational policies of the Authority.

*Write policies and procedures as needed for correcting deficiencies to improve its management and standard of operations.

*Assist in the management and monitoring of the open Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Programs (CIAP) applications.

*Assist in writing necessary Housing Authority program operational manuals or Administrative Plans in accordance with HUD requirements.

*Provide other such managerial or operations consulting services as may be agreed upon by the Housing Authority and the Consultant.

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MAINTENANCE REPAIRER

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Brooklyn assemblyman and local Civic leaders speak out against violence toward Haitians

IRVINGTON — In the wake of the recent police brutality case against a Haitian man in Brooklyn, Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley recently teamed up with local Haitian leaders to address their concerns about the rise of police brutality in Irvington and throughout the state.

"While the incident in Brooklyn has been condemned and has drawn public outrage, we on this side of the Hudson must take a critical look at the growing number of alleged accounts of abuse of power by police," said

Stanley, D-Essex. "The growing adversarial relationship between police and community must be addressed."

Stanley was joined by several Haitian religious and civic leaders. They include: Larry Hamm, Chairman of the People's Organization for Progress; Carlo Nazari, Reverend for the Sanctification Assembly Church; Dr. Bernier Laureand, Spokesman for the United Caribbean Alliance; Joseph Etienne, Reverend for the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.



Larry Hamm

Stanley announced the formation of a committee that will address the outbreak of alleged police brutality incidents. In the past year, there have been incidents of alleged police brutality against Haitians in Irvington. In attendance at the press conference was Max Antoine, a victim of alleged police brutality that took place last year.

"Steps need to be taken in New Jersey toward better management, training, and internal investigations within police departments in order for the current trend in police brutality to

decline," said Stanley. "We must begin to address the issues which impact the way police relate to the communities they are sworn to protect so that everyone, law enforcement officers and citizens, can enjoy a greater degree of safety and security."

The Uniform Crime Report—issued annually by the state's Department of Law and Public Safety—cites occurrences of crimes committed against police officers, yet fails to cite the crimes police officers commit themselves.



Craig A. Stanley

Assessment: spotlight on revitalization

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ings were demolished, 25 lots were cleaned, and police have made 66 arrests and gave 118 summonses to offenders. Mayor James was elated to see how the community has worked together to make the initiative happen. He particularly cited the clergy as instrumental in getting things going. "Anyone you can have this number of people out and everybody talking about working together, then the church is working. God is working," he said, noting further that the churches need to go out in the community more to effect change.

"A greater good is to take the ministry out of the church into the community, that's where we are tonight," Mayor James said. "I am honored to be a part of this public pri-

vate partnership spearheaded by the clergy."

Everyone seemed to have a good time at this midweek block-party. There were tables set up by various Newark and Irvington Police and Fire Departments giving youth advice on fire prevention, safety, drugs, and crime prevention. A proclamation was read and winners of a poster contest were announced. There was also food, activities for the children, drill teams and a band performing. Baitan and his Barmbebe were also in attendance, and Mayors James and Bost even joined their constituents in dancing the Electric Slide.

"Most of the people that are here are going to take something positive away from here," said Irvington Police Chaplain Rev. William Irving of Irvington, who gave the invocation

at the start of the event. "When they see this kind of crowd, just looking at all these people, something positive has to come out of it, definitely."

Chester Simpson of Irvington agrees. "I'm sure people are going to walk away thinking and want to work things out but we'll have to wait and see," he said.

Since March, Partners in Progress went from 23 original members to a current active membership of 89. Among the partnerships are Newark Fighting Back, Greater Newark Conservancy, and Winner International, Inc. Irvington is also in the midst of an aggressive urban renewal program that will replace dilapidated and abandoned properties with new and rehabilitated housing.



Standing at the sides of the podium Irvington Mayor Sara Bost, right, and Newark Mayor Sharpe James, left, prepare to address the crowd from the steps of the Unity Freedom Baptist Church.



Obed Louissaint helps landscape the McKinley School's courtyard in Newark.

Inroads sponsors interns

NEWARK — Obed Louissaint and Desira Hackett, of Plainfield, NJ, worked this summer as INROADS, Inc. sponsored interns at The Prudential Insurance Company of America in Newark. Obed worked in the Corporate Compensation Administration Department and Desira worked in the Investments Operations Group. But in addition to learning career skills they also learned the value of community service.

"Working at Prudential opens student interns to a corporate environment and provides hands-on experience," said Ursula McGee, Prudential's National Business Coordinator for INROADS. "In addition, we believe it's important for them to understand the importance of

being a good corporate citizen and the value of giving back."

Obed and Desira are both graduates of Plainfield High School. Currently Obed is attending Cornell University in NY, where he is an industrial labor relations major and Desira is attending William Paterson University where she is an accounting major.

INROADS/Northern New Jersey, Inc. is a Newark based organization, that is funded through corporate sponsors, like Prudential, that's mission is to place talented minority youths in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership.

Prudential supports non-profit programs throughout the state.

Housing: Renewal underway

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spawned from last year's comprehensive land use study, to identify abandoned properties and restore them to the tax rolls. The landmark study, a

After 110 properties were identified, the next step, according to the Mayor, was to determine distribution of the sites, leading to the town's

ment in the Township of Irvington. It's not just a matter of creating housing, but fiscal opportunities as well. "Town-owned properties don't generate any tax revenues."

After 110 properties were identified, the next step, according to the Mayor, was to determine distribution of the sites, leading to the town's

cooperative effort with the non-profits and developers.

"Obviously, there's still a lot of work to be done, but this is a new era in Irvington. We are making a great deal of progress, and we want people to be a part of it," Bost said.

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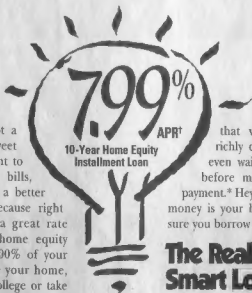
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